



March 12, 2012

Building 1W, 5th Floor

Project No. 636-345

Contractor's Question & Answer

General Respond

Wrong specifications package was submitted to the contractors to use for their proposal. The correct specifications have been PDF format in engineering file.

Question and Answers

1. There is an alternate delete on the drawings but not on the SF1413 bid form. Specs call for Lump Sum Base Price. Please clarify.
Answer-Has been corrected. "Lump sum base price and alternate delete price"
2. Are we supposed to remove the ice maker in 1519?
Answer-yes, see note 6N in drawing MP-100
3. Notes on Sheets E-100 and MP-100 are illegible. I blew the drawings up to 11x17 and still can't read the construction notes.
Answer- Larger drawings has been place in the website.
4. Note 10, Sheet A-100: Where does existing curtain track exist? Will ceiling modifications be required after removal of track?
Answer-yes, ceiling shall be replace / repair to match the existing ceiling.
5. Note 1, Sheet A-100: What existing finishes are to be matched?
Answer-shall be match with final product (wall. Paint, wood work, ceiling, carpet, floor, and etc)
6. Note 7, Sheet A-100: 2-hour partition to existing ceiling tile will not give a 2-hour separation. Please clarify wall rating requirement.
Answer- revised, no longer required.
7. Note 14, Sheet A-100: Does this door require an auto-operator or what is required to make this ADA compliant?
Answer- revised, no longer required.
8. Note 1, Sheet A-101: Specify type, quantity and location of existing damages and finishes that are required.



Answer- the location clearly marked on the drawing, the quantities, means and method of the activities shall be responsibility of the contractor's experience.

9. Note 5, Sheet A-101: What is the existing ceiling height if we are to build a 36-0' wall?

Answer-this question is not clear. See note 5 in drawing A-101. The existing ceiling height is aprx. 8ft (+/-).It is contractor responsibility to verify.

10. Sheet A-101, Notes 4, 4A & 4B: Note 4 does not specify door/frame type.

Answer-it is a standard metal hollow door frame. It is contractor responsibility to verify.

11. Note 6, Sheet A-101: Provide specification for carpet. Room Finish Schedule does not indicate carpet selection.

Answer-the carpet has been deleted from the project. Contractors shall repair the existing floor as needed.

12. Note 7, Sheet A-101: Is there an elevation for the casework or a plastic laminate selection?

Answer- this question is not clear. Standard height kitchen cabinets (base and wall units) with standard laminated counter top (the color will be selected at submittal review).

13. Is there a specification for the curtain tracks that we are to provide and install?

Answer- Architex or approved equal, RX6006, Color; Oasis.

14. Note 14, Sheet A-101: Provide quantity and specification for existing tile.

Answer- Ceiling tiles are to be replaced in areas where the hospital cubical curtains are to be modified or where new curtain rails are to be installed. Ceiling tiles should be Armstrong fine fissured open plan 1732 Tegular or approved equal.

15. Spec section 01 00 00 H: Is this project supposed to be phased?

Answer No phasing required, Coordinate with COR for construction activities.

16. Spec section 01 00 I: Does Building 3 occupancy pertain to this project or the phasing of this project?

Answer-no, there is no relations.

17. The fbo.gov website states 30 day performance period on the synopsis but the SF1413 states 60 days. Please confirm performance period.

Answer- 60 days is correct

18. Does the performance period include the submittal process? Please provide, in writing, the length of submittal review from the VA.



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Answer- Performance period is to include the submittal review process. (7) Seven days is the anticipated submittal review time for individual submittals

19. Spec section 01 43 01: How is masonry experience pertinent to this project?

Answer-this is standard VA requirements for construction supervisor.

20. Division 10: Are we supposed to provide signage or patient bed service walls in this project?

Answer- no.

21. Note 2N discusses a plumbing connection for a Verna machine. Is there any information available on what specific plumbing connections are required for this Verna Machine.

Answer- if this question refers to drawing MP-100 notes 2N, the notes well described what need to be down. This machine is the same concept as wash machine.

22. Note 3N calls for a shower head. What shower head is required? Section 224000 has P701, P702, P703, P704, P705, and P711 listed as options in paragraph 2.12 Shower Bath Fixture.

Answer- if this question refers to drawing MP-100 notes 3N, shower head shall be P703 with adjustable shower head bar to change the heights of the shower head.

23. Note 4N calls for a walk in tub. Please provide specs for tub. No walk in tub listed in 224000

Answer- if this question refers to drawing MP-100 notes 4N, Tub will be Geritric style, Cutsheets will be made available. Contractor shall install the new VA furnished tub and make all plumbing connections requires.

24. Note 5N calls for balancing. No specification provided. What is desired scope of work? Note: some ceilings are drywall and balancing dampers may or may not be accessible in those areas

Answer- if this question refers to drawing MP-100 notes 5N, Contractor shall conduct terminal output testing to conclude the CFM per sq/ft. The test shall be in 5% internal and 5% external rooms (offices, patient rooms, and etc.). Register the CFM per square feet in the space and submit report to include description of the existing conditions, finding, CFM per square feet in the space and recommendation based on the standard requirements."

25. Note 7N calls for a faucet, backflow preventor, water valve, and mixing valve for dialysis machine. Please provide specifications on components desired. Since there is no floor drains in these areas, where are the drains to the backflows to be piped to?

Answer- if this question refers to drawing MP-100 notes 7N, See attached SK-1 date march 12, 2012



26. On drawing E-100 note 1D: this note states Contractor shall remove existing wall mounted above bed lighting fixtures. Include switches, boxes, conduit and wire to the first junction box; cap the junction box for future use. The lighting fixture shall be salvaged and refurbished for re-installation in new location, new location coordinated with COR.
- A. What is meant by refurbished?
Answer- Refurbished in lighting fixtures means to clean the fixtures and replace any parts need to be replaced.
- B. Does the above work only pertain to the light fixture? There are several other systems and devices located on this wall that are surface mounted, do these devices get removed and re-installed as a surface mounted device?
Answer- as the note has clearly indicated to the lighting fixture
- C. What location will the fixture be relocated to, will this be in a surface mount configuration or cut into the existing plaster wall? This will require plaster cutting and patching.
Answer- for the new location see note N1 in the same drawing. The installation in new location shall be exactly matching the existing installation.
- D. Surface mounted raceway is not allowed according to the VA CFM web site. This would require all conduit and wiring systems to be channeled into the wall, then the general would patch and paint the plaster.
Answer-all conduit, devices, and etc, shall be recessed mounted (channeled in to the existing walls, patch and paint as required to match existing finishes) unless otherwise directed by COTR.
27. On Drawing E-100 note 5D Alarm pull station will be relocated by others. There is no pull station it is a Horn/Strobe and Speaker. This work must be performed by a NICET Certified personal. Is this part of the contract or not? Once work is complete the system should be certified that it is operational.
Answer- NICET certification is required and the work will be performed by others
28. Note 4D does not mention the relocation of a switch, which will be required
Answer- if this question refers to drawing E-100 notes. Yes, all devices shall be moved to the new location
29. Drawing E-100 note 3N this note states “Contractor shall furnish and install a new 120V, 20 amp power receptacle and Data outlet including conduit, boxes, wire ect.



- A. Do these receptacles get mounted on the surface or do they get channeled into the existing plaster walls and then patched and painted?

Answer- see answer to question No. 60 part “D” above.

- B. Does the communication conduit pipe all the way back to the cable tray?

Answer-no, conduit shall stop above the ceiling with 90 bend and bonding bushing.

- C. Does the communication pipe get a bonding bushing on the end and bond to a communication ground path?

Answer-yes

- D. Is there a ground in the existing cable tray to bond to?

Answer-the existing cable tray should have grounding. However it is contractor responsibility to test the grounding system and make necessary connection if needed.

- E. Where do all the communication cables get pulled back too?

Answer- communication closet, on fourth floor, Bldg. 1W. Shall be disconnected from terminal block.

- F. What type of cable, standard cable is Cat6?

Answer-Cat-6

- G. Is there any rack requirements to terminate all cable too?

Answer-no.

- H. How many cable are to be pulled at each location?

Answer-3 per communication cable should be okay at each wall box.

- I. Do the new receptacle circuits get tied into existing circuits or do they need to be piped all the way back to the panel located on this floor?

Answer- as indicated on the drawing all dedicated circuit shall be conduit from the panel, other receptacles can be connected to the existing circuit,